

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
 LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week October 17, 2017 through October 22, 2017.

Tuesday

10/17/2017

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Ron Church will oversee morning office duties and will author the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Eight races were drawn for Friday, October 20, consisting of five Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races. The draw was completed at 1:00 p.m. with a total of 58 entries.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the condition book, for California-Bred maidens, three year olds and upward, claiming \$5,000, at a distance of 330 yards, failed to fill with one entry.

Wednesday

10/18/2017

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Friday night's program was conducted at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no changes.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Saturday's nine race program was completed at 1:30 p.m. consisting of seven Quarter Horse and two mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred races, highlighted by five trial races to qualify for the Grade I Los Alamitos Derby. The ten fastest times will advance to the \$956,500 finals to be run on Sunday, November 12.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the condition book for California-bred maiden, two year olds claiming \$12,500 at a distance of 300 yards, was called off with four entries (3 Cal-breds).

Thursday

10/19/2017

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Saturday's program was conducted at 9:00 a.m. and resulted in one declaration and no other changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Anticipating an entire program of trials for the Golden State Million Futurity, no Cal-Bred races were offered for Sunday, October 22.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

As expected Sunday's ten race program will be comprised of the Golden State Million Trials, with the ten fastest times advancing to the \$938,850 finals to be run on Sunday, November 5.

Friday

10/20/2017

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Sunday night's program was conducted at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no changes.

(2) EDGAR OROZCO RULING

RULING # 278

JOCKEY EDGAR OROZCO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE FIRST AND SECOND RACES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 15, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Orozco failed to fulfill his riding engagement on Sunday, October 15, 2017.

(3) CRUZ MENDEZ RULING

RULING # 279

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 15, 2017.

After film review verified violation of Rule #1688(b)(6) the above ruling was issued.

(4) ROBERTO HERNANDEZ RULING

RULING # 280

JOCKEY ROBERTO HERNANDEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR EXCESSIVE USE OF THE RIDING CROP DURING THE SECOND RACE AT THE BIG FRESNO FAIR ON OCTOBER 15, 2017. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Hernandez appeared before the Board of Stewards at Los Alamitos Race Course concerning his excessive use of the riding crop in the second race at the Fresno Fair on October 15, 2017. The films confirm violation of Rule #1688(b)(6). Mr. Hernandez had no defense for his actions.

(5) ROBERT HESS JR. RULING

RULING # 281

TRAINER ROBERT HESS, JR., WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SWISS CHEESE" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 6, 2017, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (c)(2) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - FLUNIXIN (64.6 NG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL OF 20 NG/ML).

Following an informal hearing with Trainer Hess Jr. via telephone from Santa Anita, Mr. Hess accepted responsibility for the high flunixin reading and the above ruling was issued.

(6) ROBERT LUCAS AND BRANDON BOULANGER – CASE #17LA0313

Mr. Lucas and Mr. Boulanger appeared in the Stewards office to discuss a judgment Lucas filed with small claims against Boulanger. After both parties had an opportunity to give their version of events an amiable agreement was reached and the hearing was concluded.

(7) MICHAEL CASSELMAN – CASE #17LA0285

Trainer Michael Casselman appeared as requested to address complaint #17LA0285 for positive test finding from the fifth race on August 20, 2017 in which his horse “Favorite Vallentine” finished fifth. At the informal hearing in addition to the Stewards, present were CHRB Investigator Dennis Drulias and respondent Michael Casselman who was not represented by counsel. Mr. Casselman’s only defense was his veterinarian does all of the vet work at his barn. The Stewards will deliberate on the matter and a decision will be forthcoming.

(8) CLAIM VOIDED

The second race claim of “LA FORTUNADA” by trainer Jesus Nunez was voided after the filly was placed on the vet’s list as unsound by CHRB Vet Nolton Pattio. LA FORTUNADA was returned to the care of trainer Adriana Aceves.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS – CHANGES AND REFUND

4th Race #1 Next Book (Tr. Jesus Nunez) claimed – Tr. Jose Avalos
7th Race #1 Should Win (Tr. Lindolfo Diaz) claimed – Tr. Sally Rivera
#7 FDDS Sweet Vengeance (Tr. Jose Flores) unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$104.00.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	849	On Track Handle:	\$106,343.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,715</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$350,347.80
Total:	2,564	Out of State:	<u>\$679,275.71</u>
			\$1,135,966.91

Saturday
10/21/17

(1) FILMS – VINNIE BEDNAR

Jockey Vinnie Bednar reviewed Friday’s fourth race (Thoroughbreds going 4½ furlongs) with the Stewards this afternoon. Although there was no interference Bednar allowed his mount to drift out with virtually no effort on his part to remedy the situation as no other rivals were cost a better placing. Vinnie was warned a better effort will be expected in the future.

(2) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the third race to review an incident shortly after the start #4 “Puritan” (4th– Erasmo Gasca) broke in sharply causing #3 “Covington” (7th – Cesar Franco) to take up, eliminating him from an opportunity of a better placing. After speaking to the riders involved and a review of the films, the vote was unanimous to disqualify #4 “Puritan”

Original Order of Finish 5-9-1-(4)-6-2-3-8-7
Official Order of Finish 5-9-1-6-2-3-(4)-8-7

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #1 Vodka Texted You (Tr. Charles Treece) claimed Kelly Castaneda
#6 Holidayincambodia (Tr. Rafael DeLeon) sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$97.00
3rd Race #Covington (Tr. Scott Willoughby) claimed Ramiro Zuazo
4th Race #5 Priceless Mr Jess (Tr. Christopher O’Dell) broke through starting gate – Stewards
Refund: \$24,575.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	868	On Track Handle:	\$127,670.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,774</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$403,881.40
Total:	2,642	Out of State:	<u>\$850,070.94</u>
			\$1,381,622.64

Sunday
10/22/17

(1) GASCA RULING

RULING # 282

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)*
FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(B)(6)
(USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION

WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND – SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE LAST SIXTY DAYS) IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 15, 2017.

After reviewing the sixth race from Sunday, October 15 with jockey Erasmo Gasca, the foregoing ruling was issued. The films confirmed violation of Rule #1688 (b)(6). Mr. Gasca offered no defense for his actions.

(2) BOINEAU RULING

RULING # 283

OWNER BARBARA BOINEAU, HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO A COMPLAINT FILED BY THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - \$1,797.50 TO VETERINARIAN RONALD MAGRINI), IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF BARBARA BOINEAU ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION FO STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), BARBARA BOINEAU IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued after owner Barbara Boineau failed to appear to address case #17LA0314.

(3) NUNEZ RULING

RULING # 284

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION – BROUGHT WRONG HORSE TO RECEIVING BARN RESULTING IN LATE DECLARATION) ON OCTOBER 14, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued as a result of the Nunez stable bringing the wrong horse to the receiving barn for the first race on Saturday, October 14, 2017

(4) HUERTA RULING

RULING # 285

JOCKEY CARLOS HUERTA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 15, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Huerta had no explanation for failure to comply with Rule #1683 (maximum overweight).

(5) CASSELMAN RULING

RULING # 286

TRAINER MICHAEL CASSELMAN, WHO STARTED THE HORSE “FAVORITE VALLENTINE” IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 7, 2017, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (A, B, AND D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844 (F)(1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-BETAMETHASONE (64 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL – 10 PG/ML).

The above ruling was issued after an informal hearing was held on Friday, October 20 (ref – 7) to address case #17LA0285.

(6) ROMAN RULING

RULING # 287

JOCKEY JONATHAN ROMAN IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 21, 2017.

After reviewing the third race from Saturday, October 21, 2017 with Mr. Roman, replays confirmed the violation of Rule #1688 (b)(6) and the foregoing ruling was issued.

(7) GASCA RULING

RULING # 288

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA, WHO RODE "PURITAN" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 21, 2017, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE RACING DAYS (OCTOBER 29TH, NOVEMBER 3RD, AND 4TH, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO NINTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES—CARELESS RIDING). PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766(DESIGNATED RACES) THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

After speaking with Jockey Gasca, he felt an adequate effort on his part had been made to correct his mount's wayward path in the third race last evening. After reviewing replays of the race, the Stewards failed to agree with his explanation of the event and the foregoing ruling was issued.

(8) FIRST RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the first race to review an incident at the break involving #8 "WALK IT MAN" (4th Erasmo Gasca) breaking inward, causing considerable interference to #7 "ONE SWEET BARBIE" (5th R. Sanchez), #6 "PAINT IT SIXY" (7th E. Nicasio), and #5 "DF APOLLITICAL SIGN" (6th R. Aceves) also involved #4 "HEART THRU FIRE" breaking out and losing his rider (M. Arana). After talking to the riders involved and several reviews of the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #8 "WALK IT MAN" from fourth and place him last, behind #6 "PAINT IT SIXY" for interference out of the gate.

Original Order of Finish 2-1-3-(8)-7-5-6

Official Order of Finish 2-1-3-7-5-6-(8)

(9) POST TIME DELAY

Prior to the sixth race the truck that pulls the starting gate had an engine malfunction, that caused a fifteen minute delay while a replacement truck was put into service.

(10) LATE DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #5 DF Apollitical Sign (Jockey Rodrigo Aceves due to an injured ankle was replaced for the remainder of the program, replacement riders were announced)

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	594	On Track Handle:	\$113,585.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,749</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$391,077.00
Total:	2,343	Out of State:	<u>\$780,589.48</u>
			\$1,285,252.18

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 22, 2017. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 4 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 2 for soundness, 1 for sickness, and 1 for bleeding. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 10/20	SAT 10/21	SUN 10/22	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	8
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		2	2	0	4	287
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	1	2	30
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	1	2	61
REFUNDS		A			1	2	0	3	308
RULINGS			Y		4	0	7	11	284
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	0	1	88

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Ron Church, James Dreyer, Tom Ward, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Ron Church (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)